

## MISCELLANY

Items for the News column must be furnished by the twentieth of the preceding month. Under this department are grouped: Comment on Current and Recent Articles in the Journal; News; Medical Economics; Correspondence; Department of Public Health; California Board of Medical Examiners; and Twenty-Five Years Ago. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

### NEWS

**Medical School Opens.**—With a capacity registration of one hundred and one students and a teaching and laboratory staff of twenty-four, the School of Medicine of the University of Southern California has begun its second year. In accordance with its announced program it is offering this fall the first two years of preclinical work. In 1930 it plans to add the first year of clinical training to its curriculum, and in 1931 to round out the full four years of work by adding the second year of clinical work.

Under the direction of Dean William D. Cutter there has been gathered together a complete preclinical teaching staff, consisting of five professors, two associate professors, four instructors, six demonstrators, and six assistants. In building up this faculty Dean Cutter has brought men and women from all sections of the United States with the view of assembling the best teaching staff to be had and thereby laying the foundation for a medical school that would be comparable to the leading medical schools of the nation.

As professor of anatomy Dr. Paul S. McKibbin, formerly head of the department of anatomy, University of Western Ontario Medical School, and latterly professor of anatomy at the University of Michigan, has been named. To the post of professor of biochemistry has been appointed Dr. Harry J. Duel, who has been successively instructor and assistant professor of physiology at Cornell University, and professor of physiology at the University of Maryland. As professor of pathology and bacteriology has come Dr. Ernest M. Hall, recently assistant professor of physiology at Stanford University and pathologist at Palo Alto Hospital and Saint Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles. To the position of professor of medicine and chairman of the department of medicine has been appointed Dr. Burrell Otto Raulston, a member of the staff of the Saint Vincent's Hospital since 1926.

From the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was associate professor of parasitology, has come Dr. John F. Kessel to be associate professor of bacteriology and parasitology. From the faculty of the University of Oregon Medical School, where he was assistant professor of pharmacology, there has been called Dr. Clinton H. Thienes to be associate professor of pharmacology.

Four have been appointed to the staff in the rank of instructors: Dr. Esther H. Bartosh, formerly instructor in the College of Medical Evangelists and more recently associated with the City Maternity Service, Los Angeles, as instructor in anatomy; Dr. Philip Randall Fulton, former medical missionary in South China and among the Navajo Indians, and superintendent of hospitals in Linchow and Canton, China, and Ganado, Arizona, as instructor in anatomy; Frederick C. Messer, assistant and instructor in physiological chemistry, Syracuse University, as instructor in biochemistry; and Dr. Lawrence Parsons, formerly assistant pathologist, Los Angeles County Hospital, as instructor in pathology.

To the demonstration staff of the school the following have been named: Demonstrators in anatomy—Dr. Clifford L. Bartlett, former director, diagnostic laboratory and out-patient clinic, Methodist Hospital of Southern California; Dr. Arthur H. Nixon, former assistant in pathology, University of Chicago; Dr. Floyd R. Parks, former instructor in pathology, Tufts

College Medical School; Dr. Elroy F. Sheldon, recently intern at the California Hospital; and Dr. Kenneth W. Taber, formerly intern, Methodist Hospital of Southern California. Demonstrator in pathology—Dr. Joseph C. Vinetz, resident physician and surgeon, Saint Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles.

Six have been appointed assistants. They are: Dr. Joseph S. Butts, former instructor in physiological chemistry, Massachusetts Agriculture College, as assistant in biochemistry; George W. Hewitt, formerly laboratory assistant and technician in chemistry, University of Southern California Medical School, as assistant in bacteriology; Ruby S. Moede, technical assistant in physiology and pharmacology; C. C. Prouty, formerly assistant professor of bacteriology, University of Idaho, as assistant in bacteriology and parasitology; Edythe Josephine Rose, formerly of the department of bacteriology, University of California, as technical assistant in bacteriology; and Paul W. Smith as teaching fellow in physiology and pharmacology.

**Permanent Organization of the Pan-Pacific Surgical Congress.**—Following the close of the Pan-Pacific Surgical Conference, permanent organization was decided upon, and Dr. George W. Swift was elected first president.

Other officers elected were: Secretary and treasurer, Dr. F. J. Pinkerton, Honolulu; chairman for Pacific Coast area, Dr. E. L. Gilcreest, San Francisco; vice-chairman Pacific Coast area, Dr. Robert Matson, Portland; member of council for Honolulu, Dr. N. M. Benyas.

Chairmen and vice-chairmen for the various other areas are to be selected later. The next meeting of the organization will be held in Honolulu in 1932. While the delegates unanimously agreed that no more pleasant place than Honolulu could be found for the conference, some believed it would be wise to meet in various countries of the Pacific, after holding the next conference in Honolulu. The naming of Honolulu as a permanent meeting place was finally left in the constitution of the organization, when it was pointed out that an amendment to the constitution could be made when necessary.

Hope of expanding the organization into a medical conference, with surgery only one section or of meeting with the Pan-American Medical Association or the Far Eastern Association of Tropic Medicine, also was discussed.—*The Honolulu Territorial*, 1929.

**Eighty-First Semiannual Meeting of the Southern California Medical Association.**—The Southern California Medical Association will hold its eighty-first semiannual meeting in the Beaux Arts Hall, Los Angeles, Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 1929. One session will be devoted to the consideration of the cost of medical care and hospitalization. Among the other subjects to be discussed are the following:

Recent European advances in cancer therapy; sodium amytal as a general anesthetic; mechanism of the production of symptoms in chronic constipation; present status of therapeutic procedure for contraction of the bladder neck; end-results of pyelitis in children; symposium on headaches; esthetic plastic surgery; and the treatment of skull fractures.

Professor Oscar Frankl of Vienna will deliver an address at one of the evening sessions.

**Cancer Clinic at University of California.**—Gift of \$5000 for the equipment of a thoracic surgery and cancer clinic at the University of California was announced yesterday to the regents at their annual meeting by President W. W. Campbell of the university. The \$5000 is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Roos.

**Stanley P. Black Memorial Lecture.**—The first of the 1929 Stanley P. Black Memorial lectures was given in the Stanley P. Black Memorial Hall at 65 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, on Wednesday evening, September 11, 1929.

Dr. Charles Richet, professor of medicine, University of Paris, made the address. His subject was "Food Anaphylaxis on Azotized Basis."

**Herzstein Medical Lectures.**—The Herzstein Medical Lectures, for which the late Dr. Morris Herzstein left an endowment of \$20,000 to the University of California and Stanford University, will be started this fall, according to plans announced by Dean Langley Porter of California.

In addition to the \$20,000, in which the state university will share, Dr. Herzstein left the residue of his estate to the University of California, approximately \$637,000. In accordance with his wishes, \$100,000 of this sum will be used as an endowment for a chair of biology either in the Medical School or on the Berkeley campus.

Dean Porter states that arrangements have been made with Stanford by which the Herzstein Lectures will be alternated with the Lane Foundation Lectures in the same field, which Stanford now sponsors.

The object of such foundations is to bring to California the world's most outstanding authorities in medicine in order that physicians of the state will have an opportunity to talk to them and hear them speak from the lecture platform. It is believed that programs of this type are invaluable in keeping medical men apprised of the work of their fellow physicians in distant parts of the globe who have achieved eminence by their contributions to the alleviation of human suffering.

**Clinical Congress of American College of Surgeons.** The American College of Surgeons will hold its nineteenth annual Clinical Congress in Chicago, October 14-18. Headquarters will be at the Stevens Hotel. An intensive program is being planned to make this home-coming event the greatest in the history of the college. The Hospital Standardization Conference will consist of morning and afternoon sessions on Monday to Thursday, inclusive. There will be a series of clinical demonstrations given by George W. Crile, Cleveland; John B. Deaver, Philadelphia; John M. T. Finney, Baltimore; Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, and others. Monday evening's program will include an address of welcome by the chairman of the Chicago Committee on Arrangements, Dr. Herman L. Kretschmer; the address of the retiring president, Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Chicago; the inaugural address of the new president, Major-General Merritte W. Ireland, Washington, D. C.; and the John B. Murphy Oration in Surgery by Professor D. P. D. Wilkie of Edinburgh. Among the foreign visitors will be Dr. James Heyman of Stockholm, Dr. Thierry de Martel of Paris, Visconte Aguilar of Madrid, and Mr. Herbert Tilley of London. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening sessions will consist of scientific papers presented by surgeons from the United States, Canada, and from abroad. The annual convocation of the college will be held on Friday evening. The fellowship address will be delivered by Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin. The annual meeting of the governors and fellows will be held Thursday afternoon, followed by a symposium on cancer and bone sarcoma. An all-day session on traumatic surgery will be held on Friday in which leaders in industry, labor, indemnity organizations,

and the medical profession will participate. A special program has been arranged that will be of interest to those whose practice is limited to surgery of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. A feature of the Congress will be the showing of surgical films that have been produced under the supervision and approved by the Board on Medical Motion Pictures of the College. New developments in color photography will be demonstrated. In addition to the commercial exhibits there will be scientific exhibits by the departments of the college. A rate of one and one-half the regular one-way fare has been granted on railroads of the United States and Canada to those holding convention certificates.

**The Pasteur Society of Central California** held a meeting on Wednesday, September 25 at the Hotel Whitcomb to consider various aspects of the recent outbreaks of meningitis.

Dr. J. C. Geiger, associate professor of epidemiology, University of California Medical School, and Dr. H. H. Darling, research associate in medicine, Hooper Foundation, spoke on the epidemiology; Dr. J. C. Perry, senior surgeon, United States Public Health Service, medical director fifth district, on the "Meningitis Control Methods of the Public Health Service"; Dr. E. B. Shaw from Children's Hospital, San Francisco, on "Serum Treatment for Meningitis"; and Dr. W. H. Kellogg, director of the bacteriological laboratory of the State Board of Health, on "Bacteriology and Types of the Meningococcus."

Doctor Geiger has been in close connection with the epidemiological factors. Doctor Darling has recently returned from a trip through the Orient, where he has studied the origin of the epidemics. Doctor Perry has had supervision and control of the recent epidemics among immigrants and is in charge of all public health work of the Southeast coastal district. Doctor Shaw has had considerable experience in the treatment in and about San Francisco. Doctor Kellogg is in close contact with the bacteriological investigation throughout the state.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO\*

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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#### From some editorial notes:

... *Intelligent Health Board.*—There are various ways in which communities gain fame or notoriety. One pretty good way is through the local Board of Health. San Francisco seems to have gained somewhat more than its share of notoriety in this manner, and there appears to be a good, big lot of it still coming. The Board of Health has just issued a brief pamphlet entitled "Health Hints for the Household—A Brief Treatise on Infectious, Contagious or Communicable Diseases." This is a curious collection of conglomerate cogitations collected and compiled, not by a lunatic, but "under the auspices of the Board of Health"!

... Doctor Welch ought not to have delivered the Lane Lectures until after perusing the "Health Hints for the Household"; he could have picked up a whole lot of real first-class education, and a few pointers on infection as well. "Man and other animals, and especially their excreta, are the prime movers of infection." And again: "Cleanliness or cleanliness means then the absence of dirt, and though an acquired taste." Just like olives, sardellen, etc.

... *To County Secretaries.*—The Publication Committee desires to thank those county society secretaries who have sent in reports of their society meetings. Thanks are also due a number of secretaries

\* This column aims to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of state society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and recent members.